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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims with the following:

12.(Amended) The server failure recovery notification device as claimed in claim 5 wherein the server recovery notifier transmits IP address information of the client having failed to access the server to a network management apparatus based on the IP address table when the failure of the server has recovered, thereby enabling the network management apparatus to notify the client that the failure of the server has recovered.

16.(Amended) The server failure recovery notification device as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a user protocol substitute terminator for terminating, instead of the server, a connection in which a failure has occurred, the message transceiver transmitting/receiving the messages through the terminator.

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REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted to avoid multiple dependent claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims with the following:

12.(Amended) The server failure recovery notification device as claimed in claim 5 or 6 wherein the server recovery notifier transmits IP address information of the client having failed to access the server to a network management apparatus based on the IP address table when the failure of the server has recovered, thereby enabling the network management apparatus to notify the client that the failure of the server has recovered.

16.(Amended) The server failure recovery notification device as claimed in claim 14 or 15, further comprising a user protocol substitute terminator for terminating, instead of the server, a connection in which a failure has occurred, the message transceiver transmitting/receiving the messages through the terminator.

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